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Letter dated 28 September 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter to the Secretary-General from the United States of America regarding the humanitarian situation in Yemen (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Samantha J. **Power**
Ambassador

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Annex to the letter dated 28 September 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Following the meeting between President Obama and King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud of Saudi Arabia, held on 4 September 2015 in Washington, D.C., we are honoured to bring to your attention the commitments regarding the humanitarian crisis in Yemen by President Obama and King Salman. Both leaders agreed to fully support and enable the United Nations-led humanitarian relief efforts. In addition, King Salman conveyed to President Obama the commitment of Saudi Arabia to work expeditiously to allow for unfettered access to all forms of humanitarian assistance, including fuel, into Yemen, and to work towards the opening of all Red Sea ports.

We recognize that United Nations agencies and other humanitarian organizations need to freely import humanitarian assistance through the seaports and airports of Yemen and to pursue needs-based distribution via their networks inside the country. As a result, we anticipate tangible results from those commitments, including the ability of humanitarian workers to operate in accordance with globally recognized humanitarian principles and to move assistance, including fuel, unimpeded to and within Yemen.

We also anticipate increased commercial activity to Yemen in the near future, with inspections occurring only when there are reasonable grounds to believe that a vessel is carrying illicit arms. This will be critical to restoring the vital imports that provide the bulk of the country's food, fuel and other life-sustaining supplies. Given the heavy dependence of Yemen on these imports, it is not just an economic imperative but a humanitarian imperative, as the Security Council has emphasized. As another means of accelerating this process, we fully support the establishment of the United Nations verification and inspection mechanism and we urge its implementation as soon as possible. With the dire, life-threatening humanitarian situation in Yemen, we attach great importance to these improvements in humanitarian and commercial access occurring quickly.

Alongside these recent commitments, the United States has announced that we will provide more than $89 million in additional humanitarian aid to help those affected by the ongoing conflict in Yemen. This brings the total amount of United States humanitarian aid in response to this crisis to nearly $170 million in fiscal year 2015.

We are grateful to the Saudi Government for its contribution of $244 million to United Nations humanitarian agencies through the successful conclusion of memorandums of understanding with the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre.

The United States Government fully supports the Security Council's call for all sides in the conflict in Yemen to comply with international humanitarian law and to take all feasible precautions to minimize harm to civilians and civilian objects. In particular, we are urging all sides to avoid damage to civilian infrastructure that is critical to humanitarian operations.

We would also like to highlight the joint United States-Saudi commitment to finding a political solution to the crisis in Yemen. Both President Obama and King Salman agreed on the urgency of the full resumption of United Nations-facilitated Yemeni peace talks without preconditions, in order to facilitate a political solution based on the Gulf Cooperation Council Initiative, the outcomes of the National Dialogue Conference and the relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolution 2216 (2015).

We look forward to updates in the Council on the humanitarian and political situation in Yemen by the United Nations in the very near future.

(*Signed*) Samantha **Power**
Ambassador

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Report of the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the alternate representative of France on the Security Council

Pursuant to rule 15 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General wishes to report that he has received a letter dated 16 September 2015 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations stating that Ms. Marie Audouard has been appointed alternate representative of France on the Security Council.

In the opinion of the Secretary-General, that letter constitutes adequate provisional credentials.

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Identical letters dated 8 September 2015 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

By resolutions 2170 (2014), 2178 (2014) and 2199 (2015) in particular, the Security Council has described the terrorist acts of Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), including abuses committed against the civilian populations of the Syrian Arab Republic and Iraq, as a threat to international peace and security. Those acts are also a direct and extraordinary threat to the security of France.

In a letter dated 20 September 2014 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/691), the Iraqi authorities requested the assistance of the international community in order to counter the attacks perpetrated by ISIL.

In accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, France has taken actions involving the participation of military aircraft in response to attacks carried out by ISIL from the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated to the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) François **Delattre**

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